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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. KIRK).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
October 8, 2004.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MARK STEVEN KIRK to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives,

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Lord God, You are our hope and our salvation. Your word guides our every step of the way. Your spirit of truth penetrates our very being and becomes the judgment of every word and deed of ours.

Your truth shall set us free, O Lord. Sift through every complexity before us. Wherever You lead us may we find solace and peace. Bring us at last to that place where our hearts will rest in You, forever and ever. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. GINGREY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. GINGREY led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to five one-minute speech requests per side.

AMERICA SALUTES MR. VANE SCOTT

(Mr. NEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the service of a great American, Mr. Vane Scott. Mr. Scott started his service to our nation in December, 1942. During World War II, he served on the USS *Radford* in the Pacific as an electrician and gyrocompass technician.

After the war, Mr. Scott went to the Art Institute of Pittsburgh on the GI bill; and, in 1968, he started an American flag production company. He retired in January, 1990; and he currently serves as the national president of the Radford Association. In September, 2001, Mr. Scott opened the USS *Radford* National Naval Museum in Newcomerstown, Ohio.

He is married to Mrs. Barbara Scott, his wife of more than 50 years, and has three children, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. On November 3, 2004, Mr. Scott will be inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame for his valor in World War II and for his efforts in telling the stories of America's war heroes.

I also want to commemorate Mr. Scott's relative, Mr. Freeman Davis. Mr. Davis received the Medal of Honor for his valor on November 25, 1863, during the Civil War's Battle of Missionary Ridge.

Mr. Speaker, these two men represent some of the best America has to offer. I want to thank them for their remarkable service, and I want to congratulate Mr. Vane Scott on his induction into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame. America salutes Mr. Vane Scott today.

UNETHICAL REPUBLICAN HOUSE

(Mr. PALLONE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, it is now clear that the Republican leadership in the House of Representatives condones the direct linkage of political donations to legislation. It is clear the Republican leadership will not hesitate to use political donations to influence Members of their own caucus who plan to vote against them on legislation.

This weekend, former Republican Congressman Tom Coburn admitted on national television that Republican leaders had essentially offered him a bribe. Coburn said, "I don't believe that is the kind of government we want. That is what we are seeing in Congress now with some of the ethical problems that are there."

Mr. Coburn, I could not agree with you more. Unfortunately, even the Speaker excused such actions yesterday when he said he was "profoundly disappointed" by those who do not think bribes, threats and payoffs are acceptable behavior. An ethical cloud is indeed hanging over this House, and it will not be removed until a Democratic House is installed this November.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to direct their remarks to the Chair.

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